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PATE FROM HEDGES

1. DR. MANAPAS XUTO, CHIEF, RADIO SECTION, MFA, PHONED ME TO SAY THAT A MR. WERNER BLATTER, CHEIF DELEGATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMISSION IN VIENTIANE, CALLED ON HIM TODAY TO ASK IF HE COULD PROVIDE ENLIGHTENMENT ON AN ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST AT 0900 ON OCTOBER 8 OVER THE NATIONAL LAOTIAN RADIO REGARDING MISSING WAR PRISONERS SINCE RADIO FREE ASIA, THE MFA EXTERNAL BROADCASTING SERVICE WHICH UTILIZES THE VOA RELAY FACILITIES IN THAILAND UNDER THE TEAK AGREEMENT, SUPPOSEDLY WAS THE SOURCE FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT. MR. BLATTER SAID THE IRC HAD NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED ANY SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT. MANAPAS IS EQUALLY MYSTIFIED AND ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE ANY CLARIFICATION.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE FRENCH TRANSLATION OF THE LAO-LANGUAGE ANNOUNCEMENT AS NOTED BY MR. BLATTER

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QUOTE CE QUI SUIT CONCERN LA TACHE DE LA CROIX INTERNATIONALE,

ORGANIZATION DU MONDE LIBRE, POUR LA LIBERTE, L'INDEPENDANCE,
ET L'HUMANITE.

VOICE I NOUS FAISONS UN APPEL POUR SAVOIR LA SITUATION
DES MILITAIRES ET CIVILS DISPARUS PENDANT LEURS MISSIONS AU LAOS.
TOUTE PERSONNE SUSCEPTIBLE DE FOURNIR LES RENSEIGNEMENTS DESIRES
RECEVRA DE LA RADIO FREE ASIA 250 U.S.\$, POUR UN AMERICAIN, ET
50.000 KIP POUR UN SOLDAT OU UN CIVIL LAO.
ARM(?) RADIO FREE ASIA DESIRE SAVOIR, EN PLUS DES
RENSEIGNEMENTS CCI-DESSUS MENTIONNES, LES EMBLEMES DE
TOMBES. NE PAS TOUCHER A CES TOMBES, PARCE QU'ELLES POURRAIENT
RENFERMER DES PICES D'IDENTITE, DES BRACELETS, MAIS PREVENIR
LES AUTORITES.

VOICE II EXEMPLE DERMIS PRIGH (DENNIS PRICE?) A DISPARU
LE 9 MARS 1970 PRES DU VILLAGE DE PHANOK, PROVINCE DE IENGKHONANG.
IL ETAIT AVIATEUR ET A ETC ABATTE AU LAOS. SUIVANT INFORMATION
RECUS, IL N'ETAIT PAS BLESSE, MAIS IL ETAIT FORCE PAR LES ARMES.
ET DEPUIS, AUCUNE NOUVELLE DERMIS PRIGH AVAIT 27 ANS, ETAIT COLONEL
DE L'AIR, 73 KILOS, TAILLE 1M78, CHEVEUX BLONDS ET YEUX BLEUS, DE
TEMPS A AUTRE AVEC DES LUNETTES, UNE OPERATION ANCIENNE A
L'OREILLE.

ARM TOUTE PERSONNE AYANT DES NOUVELLES CONCERNANT
CETTE PERSONNE EST PRIEE DE CONTACTER ASIA FREE VIA AGENCE
CENTRALE DE RECHERCHE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE,
B.P. 650 A VIENTIANE.

VOICE ASIA FREE CHERCHE EN OUTRE DES NOUVELLES DE
TROIS AUTRES LAO. TOUS RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR CES PERSONNES
VIVANTES OU MORTES RECVROUNT 50.000 KIP.

(1) MAHA KOUKES, PRIMITIVEMENT HABITANT BAN SAKHAN,
TASSENG SAKHAN, MUONG ET PROVINCE ATTOPEU, FILS DE
THAO PHAN ET NANG THONGSY, BOUDDHISTE, CULTIVATEUR DE
SON ETAT.

(2) THAO SAY YEN SONG NE LA 6 MARS 1914 A BAN PHOU
THAM BOUT, FILS DE FUE CHONG YA SONG, ETHNIE MEO,
CULTIVATEUR DE RAI DE SON ETAT.
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(3) NANG KHAMVON, NEE A MUONGMAY, MUONG SEKONG,
KHOUENG ATTPEU, FILLE DE THAO VANDI ET NANG KEO,
BOUDDHISTE, LAO, MENAGERE.

TOUTE PERSONNE AYANT DES RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR CES
PERSONNES EST INSTANTANEMENT PRIEE D'AVISER L'AGENCE CENTRALE DE LA
CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE, B.P. 650 A VIENTIANE, OU DE SE RENDRE

DIRECTEMENT A LA CROIX-ROUGE LAO, QUARTIER XIENGNHUNE,
VIENTAIEN; ELLE RECEVRA LA PRIME PREVUE SUPRA.

ARM CE QUI VIENT D'ETRA DIFFUSE PROVIENT DE LA CROIX-
ROUGE INTERNATIONALE QUI EST DESIREUSE DE SAVOIR LES NOUVELLES
DES MILITAIRES ET CIVILS DISPARUS AU LAOS AU COURS DE
L'ACCOMPLISSEMENT DE LEURS MISSIONS.

CETTE DIFFUSION EST FAITE PAR RADIO ASIA FREE
ET LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE DANS UN BUT HUMANITAIRE. UNQUOTE

3. MFA HAS QUERIED THE LAO EMBASSY HERE AND THE THAI
EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE. APPRECIATE ANY INFO ON SOURCE OF
ANNOUNCEMENT ASAP.
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